

ASSOCIATING DATA WITH IMAGES IN IMAGING SYSTEMS**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A steganographic embedder associates data with an image by encoding the data, a
5 link to the data, or a combination of both into the image. The embedder may be located in
an image capture device or an external process or device. In one application, for example,
an embedder process steganographically encodes data into an image as part of the process of
uploading the image from the image capture device to external storage.